

Regular meeting of the City Council July 1st 1901.

Hon R. E. White Mayor presiding
Roll called

Present Aldermen Crookshen Davis Hume Low Maday
Mortimer Nichols Redd Shelley Shumate Stumpf
and Ulrich ¹²

Absent Aldermen Giddis & Schmidler ²

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded
by the Clerk, without reading.

Reports of City Officers -

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the
City officers for the month of June 1901, except the reports
of the Assessor & Collector & the Marshal.

On motion the reports were referred to their appropriate
Committees without reading, except that of the Treasurer.
The following is a synopsis of the reports.

By the City Clerk.

Amount of warrants drawn against the General fund \$16,849.98

" Referred to Finance Committee " Street & Bridge 1020.57

By the City Treasurer

all of General fund -

Balance June 1st 1901.

\$ 23,286.32

Reed during the month

3,620.74

Paid warrants during the month \$15,163.67

11,748.39

Bal June 30th 1901

\$ 26,912.06

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Ac of Street Fund

Balance June 1st 1901.

1,038.22

Paid warrants during the Month \$ 957.37

Balance June 30th 1901.

80.85

\$ 1,038.22

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Ac of Sinking fund old bonds

Balance June 1st 1901.

5,742.09

Reed during "

209.75

Balance " 30 " Cash

\$ 5,951.84

Ac Intercity fund Water Light bonds

Balance June 1st 1901

9,000.00

Reed during "

3,336.95

Balance " 30 "

20,310.44

Ac Sinking fund Work bonds.

\$ 5,367.99

Balance June 1st 1901 Cash

5,440.60

Bonds

10,000.00

Reed during June " Cash

81,242

Balance " 30 " Cash & Bonds

\$ 16,258.02

Reports of
City Officers

Earnings fund

Balanced June 1st 1901.

312.06
15,554.37

Receipts during "

Paid Warrants during " 6921.68
Balance 302 8944.75

15,866.43

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Referred to Finance Committee

By the City Physician

Number of patients in Hospital June 1st 1901.

" " " admitted in "	" "	25
" " " dismissed "	" "	18
" " deaths "	" "	3
" " remaining "	" "	32
" Visits to patients	" "	90
" Prescriptions patients	" "	303
" Cases smallpox reported "	" "	8

Referred to Hospital Committee

By the City Doctor

Number deaths during the month

White 11	8
Mexican 2	8
Colored 3	8
Male	8
Female	8

Referred to Cemetery Committee

Reports of Standing Committees

Rep'd from Alderman Nitschke from the Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Supt. Pines of the Blind Asylum Supt. Pines asking that certain streets were to be done near the State Blind Asylum, presented a report recommending that the work be done as asked for and submitting an ordinance appropriating money for said work, and recommending the passage of the ordinance. On motion the report was adopted.

Claims & accounts on account of claims and accounts Committee, to whom was referred the appeals of certain persons from the action of the Board of Equalization presented the following report which was read and adopted.

13) Equalization Austin Texas July 1st 1901
R. E. White Mayor
and City Council of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen:

Your claims and accounts Committee to whom was referred from former Council, appeals from Board of Equalization and Petition for refunding of taxes, as follows:

J. M. and Anna L. Grass.

Appeal

Joseph Hale

Da

J. Von Kaenitz

Da

H. B. Smith	Appeal
Miss Mary Odow	Do
James Byrne	Do
John Bros	Do
Scotish Am Mortg Co	Do
Western Union Telegraph Co	Do
C. C. Croose	Do
J. M. Bink	Do
A. Wickerson	Do
J. F. Fahey	Do
J. H. Mathis	Do
Mrs L. K. Combs	Do
Mrs E. R. Bloedel	Do
Mrs W. S. Lovett	Do
J. M. Little Cott	Do
J. H. Thigless	Do
Bent Shoe Company	Do
Mrs C. A. Daluck	Do
Mrs Tallechot	Do
J. H. Robertson	Do

They leave to return the same herewith, with the suggestion that the present City Charter precludes the right of the Council to adjust or compromise taxes

Respectfully,

Theodore Dow

W. D. Shelley

Reproducing
from City Clerk's
public minutes: Alderman Crooker for the Committee on printing to whom was referred
a resolution directing the City Clerk to furnish the Austin Statesman
with a copy of the proceedings of the Council, for publication.
The report of the Committee was read and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes Aldermen Crooker Davis June Dow, Mortimer Shumate,
Bumpf and Wilk

Nays Aldermen Maddox Nichols Redd & Shelley

Alderman Schneider entered the Council Chamber

On Rep. of the
Water and Light Commission, which was read and on motion
of the Mayor laid before the Council the quarterly report of the
Commission referred to the Water and Light Committee

Reports of Special Committees

Report of the
Com. on
Burial lots
etc., etc.

Alderman Maddox for the Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of the sale of Cemetery lots by the Austin City Cemetery Association, presented the following report which was read and adopted

Austin Texas June 26th, 1901

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin:

We, your Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of alleged overcharges for Cemetery lots by the Austin City Cemetery Association, hereby report that said matter has been by us carefully investigated

with the result, that the following facts have been ascertained and the following recommendations are made, viz:

Facts ascertained

The Austin City Cemetery Association is a Corporation chartered under the laws of this State for the purpose of maintaining a cemetery in the City of Austin, and owning and selling lots therein for the purpose of the burial of dead human bodies; and in the year 1891 said association acquired and purchased within the City limits of this City and North of the Colorado river the property at present used by it for cemetery purposes.

In February 1893, the City Council by general ordinance provided, that it should thereafter be unlawful for any person to bury or cause to be buried, or to in any manner assist in the burial of the dead body of any human being, within the corporate limits of the City of Austin, North of the Colorado River, except at certain places named in said ordinance; and the property owned by said association was not one of the places named in said ordinance.

Thereupon the Austin City Cemetery Association filed in the District Court of Travis County, a petition for injunction restraining the City from enforcing against it the provisions of the ordinance above mentioned. The litigation thus instituted was finally determined in favor of the City by a decision rendered by the Supreme Court of the State on December 3d, 1894; and the practical effect of the decision thus rendered was to deprive the Cemetery Association of the power to use its property for cemetery purposes until such time as the City should give its consent to the use of the property for those purposes.

On February 4th, 1895, the Cemetery Association submitted to the Mayor and Council of the City, a written proposition for the adjudgement of the City Cemetery then existing, which proposition was in substance as follows, viz:

The association proposed to abrogate itself to add to the City Cemetery the strip of land owned by the Association and adjoining said Cemetery, to cut said strip of land into blocks of the same size and shape as those of the old Cemetery, to lay out and dedicate to the City for the use of the public streets and walks in the proposed addition in such manner as to make same extensions of those in the old Cemetery; to grade all such streets and walks, to erect all necessary Culverts and drains, to purchase from the City the fence intervening between the old Cemetery and the proposed addition to deed to the City for the burial of its paupers dead a strip of land twenty five feet in width by 1050 feet in length off the east side of the proposed addition, to pay all costs of Cemetery injunction bonds then pending, and to give bond to defend for the City suits arising in the future.

out of the use for cemetery purposes of the land embraced in the proposed addition, to separate the proposed addition under the supervision and control of the City Clerk and to permit the City to fix a minimum price of \$50.00 and a maximum price of \$100.00 upon all blocks of ground 25 by 30 feet in size, sold by said Association; if the City would allow the addition to be made on the lots proposed, and would repeal the penal ordinance above mentioned.

On March 18th, 1895, and in response to the above proposition, the City Council passed an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Austin City Cemetery Association to establish a Cemetery in the City of Austin". By Section 3 of this ordinance it was provided "that said association shall not charge more than \$50.00 per block of twenty-five feet by 30 feet in size in said Cemetery" & this ordinance was at the instance of the association subsequently counteracted! It as to fix the maximum price for lots at \$75.00 By Section 8 of the ordinance of March 18th, 1895, it was provided that "It shall be the duty of the Association within thirty days after the passage of this ordinance . . . to file with the City Clerk a written acceptance of the provisions of this ordinance".

On April 4, 1895, the Cemetery Association filed with the City Clerk a written acceptance of the provisions of the above mentioned Ordinance immediately thereafter, the proposed addition to the cemetery was made, the land embraced in the addition being subdivided into lots in size 25x30 feet.

The association sold lots in the addition to the persons, at the dates, and for the prices named below, viz:

1895		
July 19.	Geo W. Littlefield	125.00
" 22	Frank D. Babcock	125.00
Sept 13	Mrs G. L. Newning	100.00
" 13	Geo P. Barron	100.00
" 26	Mrs L. Sherring	100.00
Oct 3	Mrs Ellen Ulrich	125.00
Dec 2	Mrs L. A. Dalich	150.00
1900	25 - J. S. Jackson	100.00
March 12	Horace Marcus	125.00
April 23	Alfred Fanekeen	125.00
May 11	Chas Evans	125.00
July 2	A. N. Leibnitz	100.00
Aug 4	Stanley Ford	125.00
Dec 31	A. B. Ulrich	125.00
1901	J. A. Bachman	100.00
Feby 4	A. B. J. B. J. A. Moore	125.00
Feby 19.	Jefferson Johnson.	125.00
Mar 14	Jameson & Robinson	125.00
April 13	J. P. Robinson	125.00

Recommendations

1. Be recommended that the ordinance of date March 18th, 1895,

entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Austin City Cemetery Association to establish a Cemetery in the City of Austin, be so amended as to provide an adequate penalty for the violation of its provisions.

2. We recommend that the City Attorney be authorized to institute suit in the name of the City such civil proceedings as in his opinion may be necessary to compel the Austin City Cemetery association to observe and comply with the restrictions contained in its franchise, if in his opinion the enactment of the ordinance above recommended shall prove not effective for that purpose.

3. We express the opinion that the persons who have purchased and paid for lots in said Cemetery addition at prices exceeding the maximum price which said association is entitled to charge for such lots, cannot be afforded relief by action of the City. Whatever remedy such persons may have must be brought in the Courts through the medium of suits instituted by them against said association.

(Sgd)

Respectfully,

P. M. Maddox

Chairman

V. L. Brooks

City Attorney

Reptd from Alderman Stump for the special Committee to whom
indictment P. Klages.
was referred the matter of the discharge of Fritz Klages
by the City Sexton, presented the following report which
was read and adopted

Austin Texas July 1st 1901

To the Hon Mayor and City Council.

Your undersigned Special Committee appointed to
investigate the facts leading up to the discharge of Fritz
Klages from employment in the City Cemetery and
the prohibiting of his children from working in the
Cemetery, beg leave to report as follows: Viz:

On June 4th, 1901, Louis Nitzeke, City Sexton, in writing,
discharged the said Klages from employment in the Cemetery
and prohibited the children of the said Klages from working
in the Cemetery in the future. The reason given by the Sexton
for this action was that complaints had been made by Louis
to the City Council and to the Cemetery Committee against
the said Klages. No such complaints had in truth and in
fact been made.

While we think that the City Sexton did wrong in
pursuing the conduct above detailed, we think also that
the Council is without power to re-justify the said Klages,
for the reason that the Sexton has the power to make
the said discharge with or without reason.
We think that the action of the Sexton in attempting to prohibit

the children of the said Klages from in the future working in the Cemetery was without authority of law and void

Respectfully

Joseph Trumpp
J.W. Thunale
W.M. Murray

Committee

Rep Spec Com Alderman Trumpp for the special Committee to whom was set Vouksenow referred the communication from Mr. Von Rosenberg Jr., with Beeson Court reference to the putting into operation the Recorders Court presented a report stating that in the opinion of the Committee it is not at this time practicable to put said Court into operation. The report was adopted.

Unfinished business

The following Veto message of the Mayor was read

Austin Texas June 27th 1901

To the Honorable City Council:

City of Austin

Gentlemen:

Mayors Veto I herewith return without my approval "An Ordinance granting to the Austin Gas Company, its assigns and successors the right to build and the privilege to maintain for a period of twenty five years from the 10th day of September 1900, a spur or switch along and in front of its plant on Colorado Street, and to connect same with the track of the single line of railroad connecting with the L&N R.R. Co. authorized to be built and maintained by the Lone Star Ice Company by ordinance approved September 10th, 1900. And likewise to give to said Austin Gas Company its successors and assigns the privilege of using said railroad track named in said Ordinance" passed by your Honorable body on the 17th day of June 1901, for the following reasons.

1st I think the time of the franchise granted too long and 2nd I think the granting this company the right and privilege to use the side walk to be used as a railroad track is to say the least of it a very bad precedent, and for these reasons I cannot approve the ordinance

Respectfully

R. E. White Mayor

Veto sustained Alderman Crooker moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was passed, which motion prevailed. Alderman Nitschke moved that the ordinance do now pass Notwithstanding the Mayors objection which motion was lost by the following vote

Yeas None

Nays Alderman Crooker Danisturne Lord Gladfay
Mertinex Nitschke Reed Schneider Shelley Thunale
Trumpp & Ulrich

\$300. Work the sum of \$300. for the purpose of paying for certain street improvements in the 5th Ward of the City of Austin
5th Ward

The ordinance was read the second time. Alderman Davis moved that the ordinance be referred back to the Street Committee, which motion prevailed by the following Vote
Yea Aldermen Crooker Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Shumate and Shumpf 8

Nays Aldermen Bitschke Redd, Schneider Shelley & Ulrich 5

New business

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$75⁰⁰ to pay the salary of the Engineer on the Steam Roller for the month of June 1901. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yea Aldermen Crooker Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Bitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Shumpf & Ulrich 13

Nays none

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$80- to pay the salaries of Dog Catchers for the month of June 1901. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yea Aldermen Crooker Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Bitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Shumpf & Ulrich 13

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council a bill of the Austin Water Light and Power Co. for water claimed to have been furnished the City for the six months ending June 30th 1901. On Motion the bill was referred to the Water and Light Committee.

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1076.81 to pay approved accounts. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yea Aldermen Crooker Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Bitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Shumpf & Ulrich 13

Nays none.

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300. to pay for extra street labor and teams. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yea Aldermen Crooker Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Bitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Shumpf & Ulrich 13

Nays none

By Alderman Ulrich An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$25. for the purpose purchasing trash boxes for the City Cemetery. The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on the second reading which motion prevailed by the following Vote
Yea Aldermen Crooker Davis Low Mortimer Bitschke

Redd Shelley Shumate Stump & Ulrich 10
Ways Alderman Hume Maddox Schneider

The ordinance was read the second time, and on motion was referred to the Cemetery Committee 3

Approved by the City Council by Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.49 to pay approved accounts Street Dept
The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Crookshen Davis Hume Lora Maddox Mortimer
Nay Schle Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Stump & Ulrich 13
Ways None

Approved by Alderman Stump an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200. for the purpose of placing roller bearing guides on fire truck ladder truck No. 1. The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Fire Committee

Approved by Alderman Redd An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$35. for the purpose of repairing and painting roof of the City Hall
The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Crookshen Davis Hume Lora Maddox Mortimer
Nay Schle Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Stump & Ulrich 13
Ways None.

Alderman Maddox offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Whereas it is resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That the Mayor and Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized to take such steps as they may deem advisable, looking towards the purchase of bonds for the sinking fund of the Water Department bonds, and for the sinking fund of the Bonding bonds, and report their action, with the information deemed to merit regular meeting of the Council

Approved by Alderman Nichols An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100. for the purpose of graveling Colorado Street between 5th & 6th Streets. The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Street Committee

Approved by Alderman Maddox An ordinance regulating cemeteries within the City of Austin and fixing penalties for the violation of the regulations therein prescribed. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yea Aldermen Crookshen Davis Hume Lora, Maddox Mortimer Nichols Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Stump and Ulrich 13
Ways None

Approved by Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$95⁰⁰ for the purpose of purchasing a type firing machine for the Marshal and City Clerk's office
The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Marshal Committee

At work By Alderman Davis An Ordinance appropriating the sum
 & 4th st off \$200. for the purpose of improving east 4th street
 The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to
 suspend the rule and place it on its second reading which motion
 was lost by the following vote

Years Aldermen Crookshen Davis Low Mortimer Nichols Redd
 Shumate and Ulrich 8

Recorded Count
 Nays Aldermen Hume Maddox Schneider Shelley & Stumpf 5
 Alderman Stumpf moved to reconsider the vote by which
 the report of the ~~Special~~ ^{ordinance} Committee on the communication of
 Judge Von Rosenberg, was adopted, which motion prevailed and
 on motion the communication was re-referred to the
 Committee

\$200. At work Alderman Maddox moved to reconsider the vote by which the
 & 4th st Council refused to suspend the rule and place the ordinance
 appropriating the sum of \$200. for street work on E 4th street, on
 its second reading which motion prevailed. The ordinance was
 then passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
 Years Aldermen Crookshen Davis Low Maddox Mortimer
 Nichols Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulrich 11
 Nays Aldermen Hume & Stumpf 2

930a. At work Ward 5 Alderman Davis moved to reconsider the vote by which
 an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300. for certain street
 work in the 5th Ward, was referred to the street Committee,
 which motion prevailed. The ordinance was then passed
 under a suspension of the rule by the following vote
 Years Aldermen Crookshen Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer
 Nichols Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Stumpf Ulrich 12
 Nays Alderman Schneider 1

\$100. Gravel Colorado St bet 3rd & 4th Alderman Shelley moved to reconsider the vote by which an
 ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100. to gravel Colorado
 Street between 3rd & 4th Streets, was referred to the street
 Committee which motion prevailed and the ordinance
 passed under a suspension of the rule by the following vote
 Years Aldermen Crookshen Davis Low Maddox Mortimer
 Nichols Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Stumpf Ulrich 12
 Nays Alderman Hume 1

\$30. Brach Cemetery Alderman Schneider moved to reconsider the vote by which
 the Council referred the ordinance appropriating \$30. to purchase
 brach bases for the Cemetery, to the Cemetery Committee which
 motion prevailed and the ordinance passed under
 suspension of the rules by the following vote
 Years Aldermen Crookshen Davis Low Mortimer Nichols Redd
 Schneider Shelley Stumpf & Ulrich 10

Nays Aldermen Hume Maddox Shumate 3

Alderman Maddox offered the following resolution which
 was read and adopted
 Be it resolved by the City Council that the City Attorney be and

City Attorney is hereby directed to look into the advisability and right of
 the City to open up for sale for buying purposes the 2 1/2 acres of land
 owned by the City in the NW corner of the enclosure around the
 City Cemetery and report an ordinance to place same on sale if same
 can be done.

\$1000. to pay
 expense of the
 to conduct
 debate
 By Alderman Shumate an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1000-
 for the purpose of having traveling expenses of special Committee
 appointed to confer with the bondholders of Watson and Light bonds
 of the City. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules
 by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Brooklyn Davis & Jim Low Maddox Mortimer
 Nitchee Aida Schneider Shelley Shumate Shumate & Ulrich 13
 Nays None

Judge Calhoun addressed Council of Travis County was invited to address the Council on the
 wires on bridge subject of wires etc on the bridge across the Colorado River
 bridge After the remarks of Judge Calhoun Alderman Shumate
 moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer
 with the County Commissioners Court of Travis County and
 to make such suggestions regarding the wires on the said bridge
 confer with and the placing of others thereon as they may deem for the
 best interest of the City which motion prevailed
 bridge master be the man appointed. Aldermen Schneider Nitchee and
 Shumate as the Committee

On motion the Council adjourned

Geo. O. Johnson
 City Clerk